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Prague and Pankow Continue Press Barrage

The East German regime is sure to be nettled by recent remarks by Radio Prague acknowledging that just as "West Germany is not a country full of revanchists, so the GDR is not the playground of dogmatists."

These remarks were a rebuttal to a cartoon carried by an East German satirical weekly which depicted Czechoslovakia as a dove kissing the West German state eagle. Nothing the East Germans have printed so far has angered the Czechoslovak press as much as this cartoon. Although the Dubcek regime has ignored most of the East German criticism--President Svoboda recently stressed the high regard his country has for the GDR--it has not restrained the obvious pique of the working press to the barbs from Pankow.

The Czechoslovak News Agency continues to condemn Pankow for "constantly distorting information on the situation in Czechoslovakia" and has charged the GDR with a "blatant attack against a friendly country." The East German press has kept up its sniping at Prague--a recent article in the GDR army publication falsely criticized the alleged removal of border fortifications on the Czech-FRG frontier. The magazine claimed that "to open the border to our common enemy...is therefore neither in our nor your interest."

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